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Majority prices were lower in the Midwest, but unchanged elsewhere when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was mostly barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was disappointing, ranging slow to moderate at best, with limited features. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate and attractively priced to help move. In the parts structure, trading was light to no better than fair with trading limited to regular commitments. Wings were mostly balanced to well cleared and moving satisfactorily. Breast items and dark meat were adequate to ample and slow to clear, even at discounted levels. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed weights.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 18-SEP-2006 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	61.53	23
Chicago	61.00-64.00	62.58	33 :	60.06	66
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	61.37	17
Denver	77.50	77.05	14 :	77.73	16
Detroit	63.00-65.00	64.56	9 :	64.80	50
Los Angeles	78.00	76.90	67 :	73.32	149
New York	64.00-67.00	65.63	24 :	66.99	61
Philadelphia	62.50-65.00	64.09	11 :	64.42	24
Pittsburgh	63.00-66.00	64.55	11 :	68.31	56
St. Louis	62.00-62.50	62.09	20 :	62.76	36
San Francisco	78.50	77.94	32 :	77.37	82

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	09/18/06	Change Last Wk	09/11/06	09/19/05
580	67.80	-2.06	69.86	73.14

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	67.00-68.00	67.58	34
Central	50.00-67.00	60.14	69
Western	58.00-72.00	65.74	39
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	69.00-72.00	70.27	89

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 70.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,155	61.00-72.00	69.77

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

	WTD AVG	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	165.50	1,445
BREASTS - B/S	151.50	5,957
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.00	1,512
THIGH MEAT - B/S	89.00	1,170
LEG QUARTERS	35.00	9,387
WINGS	104.00	2,843

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was slow to fair at best entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate for current trade needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were readily available and slow to clear. Leg quarters and drums were at least adequate to available and wings were clearing satisfactorily.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak. Demand into all channels following the week-end was slow to light with minimal trading. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient and frequently discounted to help clear. In the parts structure, interest was no better than fair. Wings were usually in balance and in the best position. However, the remaining items were adequate to plentiful with limited movement, even when heavily discounted. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weight.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady on regular commitments, however new negotiations traded at lower prices. Offerings were ample for full trade needs. Sharp discounts offered to help stimulated buying activity. Retailer demand was fair to good where promotions were in progress or planned. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone was steady to weak on parts. Trading reported on parts at 31-35 on leg quarters, 112-115 on wings, 82-108 on bone-attached breasts and 114-132 on boneless breast. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was down 10.12 to 59.25, with the volume reported up 4 percent to 28 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices were unchanged into Detroit, lower into St. Louis and Chicago; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was barely steady to weak. Offers were ample and discounted on a very light and cautious trade call. Retail and food service demand was lagging, slow to moderate at best. Floor stocks were in a full range; weights desirable to heavy. Offerings of breast cuts and leg items were plentiful, wings limited for a generally nonaggressive trade interest. The market tone was fully steady on wings, and barely steady to weak on the balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was slow for early week business. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 65 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, wings were balanced to well cleared. Other items were usually at least adequate and often competitively priced.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	60-79
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest continued light to no better than fair as dealers were cautious and saw no need to extend floor stocks beyond normal commitments entering the week. Offerings of breast items and tenders were fully adequate to readily available and slow to clear. Wings were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly light. The market tone was generally steady for wings; barely steady to weak for breast items, tenders and most dark meat cuts.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	135	129.03	637,101
TENDERLOINS	130-135	127.85	187,760
BREAST - WITH RIBS	84-85	98.64	44,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	84	83.52	79,920
LEGS	43-44	44.29	153,960
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	32.27	261,960
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	39.16	80,710
THIGHS	32-33	39.82	37,680
B/S THIGHS	87-88	90.82	146,480
WINGS (WHOLE)	105-106	105.44	204,580
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.30	17,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	31.45	7,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	55.31	15,880

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,453	97.00-205.00	-	126.21
TENDERLOINS	324	136.00-231.00	-	147.70
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,065	22.00-36.00	22-26	25.03
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,841	27.00-40.00	28-31	29.68
WINGS (WHOLE)	779	76.00-121.00	94-96	99.14
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,331	22.00-39.00	22	22.20

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	Estimate (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wts
	09/18	09/14	09/14	09/11	09/07
Alabama	4,244	4,141	5.33	4,077	5.34
Arkansas	5,443	5,274	5.33	5,324	5.20
Delmarva	2,275	2,296	5.76	1,968	5.65
KY-LA-TN	2,293	2,335	5.05	2,330	5.04
Mississippi	2,903	2,890	5.80	2,700	5.62
North Carolina	2,669	2,687	6.72	2,600	6.68
Texas	2,509	2,563	5.20	2,544	5.34
Total	22,336	22,186	5.56	21,543	5.50
Mon	22,336(A)			21,543(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 18-Sep 2006 is estimated to be 33,417,000 up 3.37 percent from a week ago, and up 3.6 percent from a year ago. (last week 32,327,000 last year 32,249,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	701	97.00-187.00	-	117.67
TENDERLOINS	173	110.00-164.00	-	122.47
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	220	34.00-42.00	35-36	36.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	590	24.00-33.00	25-26	25.88
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	778	25.00-38.00	28-29	28.40
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	99.00-104.00	-	101.37
WINGS (CUT)	295	120.00-126.00	-	122.47
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2006 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
43.00 - 53.00	46.69	46.48

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 13-MAR-2006 TO 18-SEP-2006, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	100.00 - 147.00	110.00 - 125.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	83.00 - 107.00	83.00 - 87.00
LEGS	38.00 - 50.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	25.00 - 39.00	25.00 - 30.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	30.00 - 36.00	30.00 - 32.00
DRUMSTICKS	34.00 - 43.00	-
THIGHS	26.00 - 47.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	96.00 - 118.00	105.00 - 106.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 25.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 37.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 53.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	83.25-101.25
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	86.75-103.75

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-74

DUCKS

RABBITS-WHOLE

RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	110-114
ICE PACK	91-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	111-118
ICE PACK	100
HENS OVER 5#	102-109
ICE PACK	88-102
DUCKS	185-190

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

<u>CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED</u>		SEPTEMBER 15, 2006		
		<u>PRICES</u>		<u>VOLUME</u>
		(Cents per Pound)		
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	17.50	17.00-18.00	488,000	208,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.50	17.29		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.50-21.00	13.00-17.00	1,796,000	860,000
WTD AVERAGE	18.57	15.08		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		

*INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

SEPTEMBER 15, 2006				
<u>CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED</u>		<u>PRICES</u>		<u>VOLUME</u>
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	18.00	20,400	-
WTD AVERAGE		18.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	16.00-18.50	14.00-17.00	1,000,400	490,400
WTD AVERAGE	17.85	15.11		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

*INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair for the fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product was fair at best. The undertone was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-SEP-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-7		4.51
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slightly better to retail outlets. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 18-SEP-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-8		4.75

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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